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1. "AFTENPOSTEN," OSLO'S LARGEST DAILY, REPORTED ON JULY 12 THAT WALTER LEVERING INTENDS TO RENEW HIS ATTEMPT TO SAIL THE NORTHEAST PASSAGE LATER THIS MONTH. MR. LEVERING REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE AND HIS NORWEGIAN COMPANION HAD TO TURN BACK IN THE KARA STRAITS PARTLY BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH COULD NOT GIVE THEM PERMISSION TO SAIL WITHIN THE RUSSIAN TWELVE MILE LIMIT. MR. LEVERING STATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO SAIL WITHIN RUSSIAN TERRITORY WATERS BECAUSE OF A SERIOUS ICE HAZARD FARTHER OUT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE "AFTENPOSTEN" ARTICLE, MR. LEVERING INTENDS TO PROCEED TO HAMMERFEST, NORWAY WHERE HE PLANS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT BEFORE SETTING OUT AGAIN AROUND JULY 23RD OR 24TH. MR. LEVERING FEARS THAT THE DELAY MIGHT MEAN THAT IT WILL BE TOO LATE IN THE SEASON FOR HIM TO SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATE THE NORTHEAST PASSAGE. IF SO, HE PLANS TO SPEND THE WINTER IN ALASKA AND TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR. MR. LEVERING IS HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE ICE WILL HAVE MELTED BY THE END OF JULY AND THAT HE CAN COMPLETE HIS VOYAGE IN OPEN WATERS OUTSIDE THE SOVIET TERRITORIAL LIMIT.

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3. MR. LEVERING TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSSIANS TWICE DURING THIS VOYAGE. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD BEEN FRIENDLY, THEY WERE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM THE NECESSARY PERMISSION TO SAIL IN RUSSIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. THEY DID, HOWEVER, SUPPLY HIM WITH GASOLINE, BREAD AND WATER.
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